

The Rose Cottage
221 Main Street
Belleville, Essex County, New Jersey

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Owners: Caroline Lloyd Strobell, New York City
Madeline Lloyd Goodrich, Nutley
John C. Lloyd, Belleville

Date of Erection: 1680 (family tradition)

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone
except west elevation
and frame wing, front
stucco over stone

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers
of a later date

Historical Data:

At one time this house served as the
parsonage of the Reformed Church of Belleville.
There is a record of this as early as 1720.

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During the Revolution Lieutenant Brown of the British forces was confined in the south room of the house. There was a British detachment stationed at the Schuyler Estate on the east bank of the Passaic River opposite the Belleville Reformed Church. The British never succeeded in capturing Belleville, which was defended by local minute men.

Rose Cottage is one of the oldest houses in the state. It stands today as originally erected with a few minor exceptions. The front has been stuccoed; the roof has been replaced; the front windows have been changed, and some additions have been made in the rear, but they have not altered the original structure.

When the property was acquired by the Lloyds in 1835, the old fireplace in the front room was made smaller. The original fireplace was so large that people could sit inside it. In making the fireplace smaller, so the family says, twenty loads of stone were removed.

The front entrance was built somewhere around 1880. The stone steps are however, a part of the original house. The iron railing was put there somewhere after 1840.

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